



ARLINGTON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Ms. Mary Hynes, Chair
Arlington County Board
2100 Clarendon Boulevard
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RE: Request to advertise an amendment to the Master Transportation Plan to add a new segment of North Tazewell Street at North Carlin Springs Road

Dear Chair Hynes:

I am writing to express the views of the Transportation Commission concerning the County Manager's recommendation to authorize the advertisement of proposed amendment to the Master Transportation Plan as described below.

The Transportation Commission, by a vote of 7-0, approved a motion to recommend that the County Board approve the County Manager's recommendation to authorize the advertisement of a proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan - Master Transportation Plan - Map to add a new segment of North Tazewell Street at North Carlin Springs Road.

The Commission heard this item at its meeting on April 5, 2012. The Commission received a presentation from County staff. There were no public speakers. Present and voting at the meeting were Commissioners Gearhart, Areizaga-Soto, Armbruster, Everline, Grant, Ortiz, and Slatt.

In discussion, Commissioners noted that the portion of the block at the corner of North Glebe Road and North Carlin Springs Road that is adjacent to the proposed street is the subject of a pending site plan proposal, and that the new street segment is to be built as part of the site plan project. Commissioners noted that the applicant is proposing to locate the entrance to the parking garage and loading dock for the new building on the new street, avoiding the need for curb cuts on either Glebe Road or Carlin Springs Road for these purposes as well as eliminating the need for vehicles to cross active pedestrian sidewalks next to the proposed building along these two streets.

At the time of the Commission's meeting, the County Manager's recommendation also included a request to advertise an amendment to the MTP for the larger block, and the Commission expressed support for that advertisement. We note that the Manager's current recommendation is limited to the addition of a new section of North Tazewell Street.

I would be glad to answer any questions (703-522-2276).

Sincerely,

Bill Gearhart
Chairman